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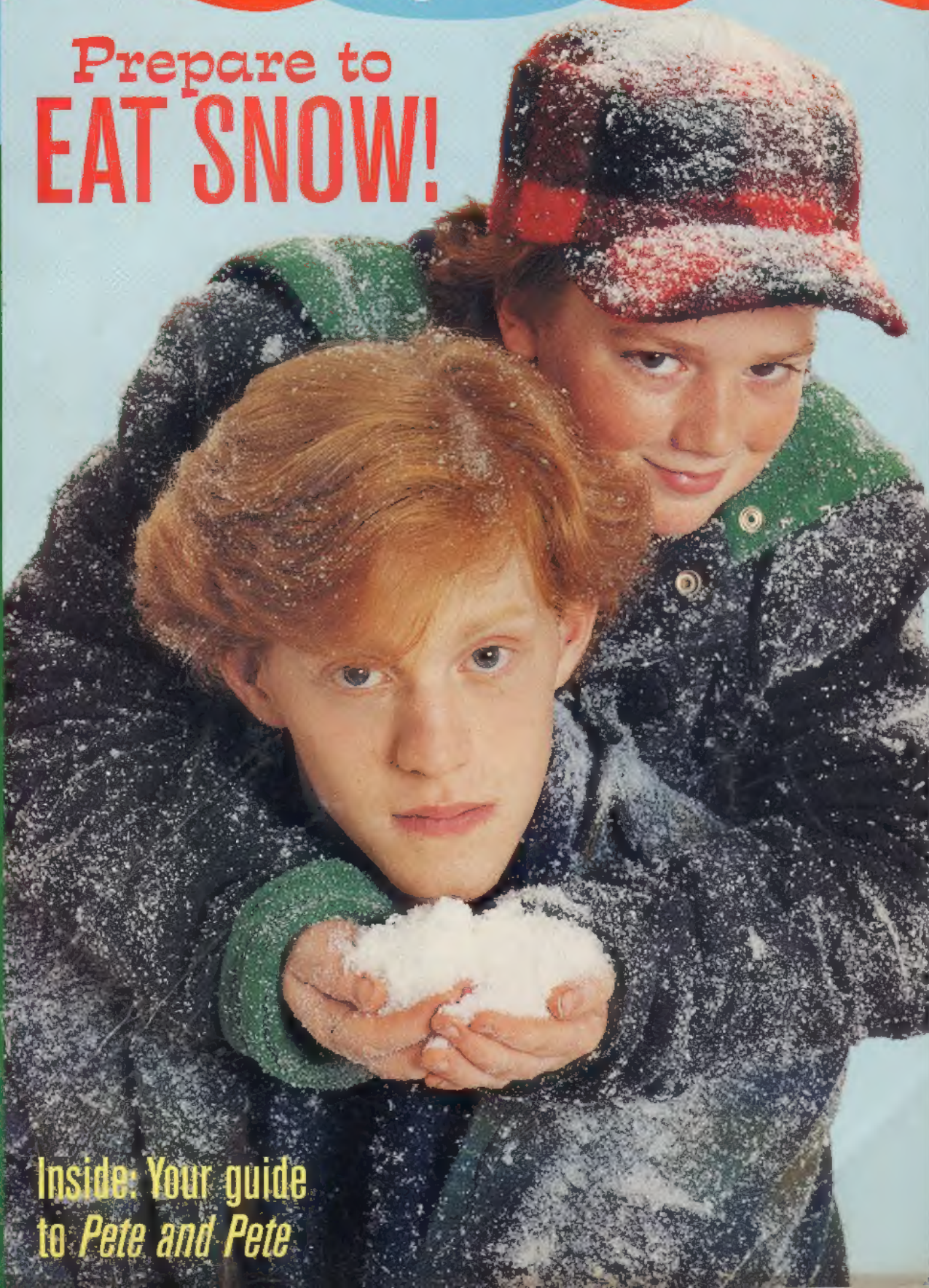
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THE STAMPEDE - Young Simba must maneuver in and around a charging stampede of wildebeest while also avoiding boulders that appear in the foreground.



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Ask the Boss Lady



Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, **Geraldine B. Laybourne**, anything you want.

In the August/September Issue, everyone wore cakes on their heads. What do you look like with a cake on your head?
I can only imagine what I'd look like, since I've never had the pleasure. For my last birthday, however, my staff gave me a four-foot-high cake with frosting that was slime green and Nickelodeon orange. Then they smushed my face into the cake. I looked fabulous!

What was the worst thing you did when you were a kid?

I used to annoy my older sister. Sometimes my best friend, Betty, and I dressed up in crazy costumes and hid in the bushes as my sister returned from a date. When the boy moved in for a kiss, we'd jump out of the bushes screaming. And once, we made a boy who liked my sister answer some questions before he could take her out. We asked him, "Have you ever been frightened by a fish? Do you salivate at the sight of mittens?"

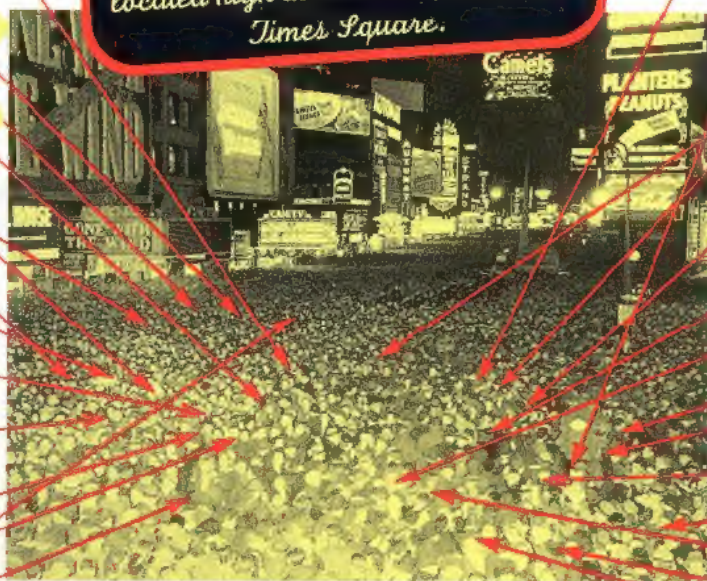
Could the things that happen to Doug happen to me?

Since most of the things that happen to Doug happened to his creator, Jim Jenkins, it's possible some of the things could happen to you. But since I don't think you could ever meet anyone as mean as Roger Klotz, not everything could happen to you.

What's it like being on television?

I always get nervous the day before and stay nervous right up until I'm on. Then I suddenly get calm. My adrenal glands kick in and give me the confidence I need to do an okay job. There are four things I do like about being on TV: First, I get a makeup person who works hard to make me look my best. Second, there's a hair person who makes a "bad hair day" disappear. Third, the lights are hot and I like to pretend I'm sunbathing. And fourth, there are always lots of sugary donuts to eat backstage.

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I'm not just another face in the crowd.

WHATEVER WE WANT

HIGHLIGHTS of the Year

Sometimes we're so busy, we can't keep track of what goes on around here. Please help us remember. Put a 'T' next to the events that really happened at Nick Mag during 1994, and an 'F' next to those that didn't.

- 1 ___ The Stanley Cup came to lunch in our cafeteria.
- 2 ___ Zelda threatened to quit because she didn't want to pose with King Kong.
- 3 ___ The silent comic (see page 50) spoke.
- 4 ___ Cindy Crawford changed clothes in a closet on our floor.
- 5 ___ President Clinton called to say how much he liked his photograph on the February/March cover.
- 6 ___ QZ spoke live with the space-shuttle astronauts.
- 7 ___ The staff ate approximately 50 pounds of homemade chocolate chip cookies sent to us by the deputy editor's mother.
- 8 ___ Lloyd's of London insured Webster "Funky" Wagnall's brain for \$50 million.
- 9 ___ Someone from the U.S. State Department called for our slime cake recipe.



IT'S ALL RELATIVES

The holidays are a time for getting together with relatives. We're here to help you get ready for the season. Check out our special Relativity section, which begins right over there.

'Twas the Day After Christmas

'Twas the day after Christmas,
Our house was destroyed
By the paper and ribbon
That had covered our toys.

Our presents were opened,
The unwanted socks
Were ignored while our cat
Played alone with a box.

Soon from the bathroom
Arose such a clatter.
Aunt Rose on her scale screamed,
"I gained weight. I'm fatter!"

The sink overflowed,
The trash cans were filled,
The carpets were stained
Where the eggnog had spilled.

Our parents were crabby,
Frustrated and tired,
'Cause toys that we got said,
"Assembly required."

The mailbox was full.
It was stuffed to the gills

With flyers for white sales
And credit card bills.

We opened the fridge door.
We felt such delight
At the sight of leftovers
Aglow in the light.

Oh stuffing! Oh gravy!
Oh cookies! Oh pie!
Our craving for goodies
We could not deny.

We sprang to our feet
And began to consume.
The sound of our chewing
Was heard through the room.

'Twas the day after Christmas,
And all of us kids
Were clutching our stomachs,
For pig-out we did.

Then we exclaimed,
As we swallowed with might,
"Merry fruitcake to all,
And to all a Good Bite!"

ANSWERS ON PAGE 93.

Relativity



The mall was so crowded this holiday season that three families lost track of each other. There's a mouse family, a Martian family, and a pizza-eating family. See if you can reunite the five mice, the six Martians, and the four pizza-eaters. Use three different colors to circle the three families. Answers on page 93.

Honey, I Garg

If you think *your* family's weird, take a gander at *these* families. 

Teaching Proper Dental Hygiene

CHICHLIDS (a species of fish) gargle their young in their mouth to increase the oxygen supply to their little ones. It's also a way to clean them.



Are You My Mother?

GOSLINGS will follow the first large moving object they see after they hatch, and treat it like a mother. They have been known to follow along behind a pair of binoculars pulled across the floor by a string.

Should We Dress Them Alike?

When the female **NINE-BANDED ARMADILLO** gives birth, she *a/ways* has four baby armadillos that look exactly alike



At the Emperor's Feet

After a female **EMPEROR PENGUIN** lays her egg, her mate takes over its care for nine weeks so she can go to the sea and fatten up on fish. He holds the egg between his feet and his belly until it hatches, then keeps the chick warm until the mother returns.

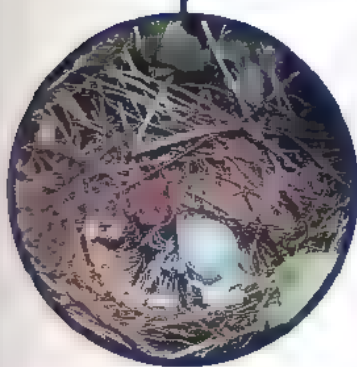


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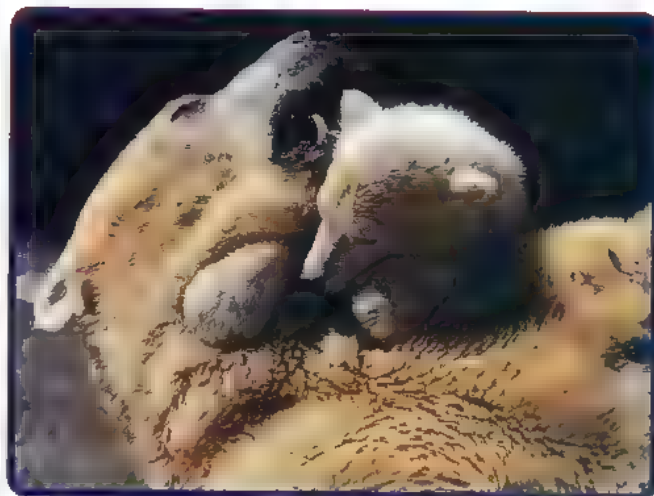
A Family Tale

When young **SHREWS** are alarmed, they run behind their mom and form a line. The first in line grabs the base of the mother's tail, the next grabs the tail of the first, and so on. They move off together, running and jumping all at once.

Bratty Behavior



In some species of **CUCKOO**, the female sneaks into the nest of another bird and lays an egg. The baby cuckoo hatches first, and then throws the other eggs out of the nest. At three weeks, it moves to a perch and begs adult birds to feed it.



Don't Talk With Your Mouth Full

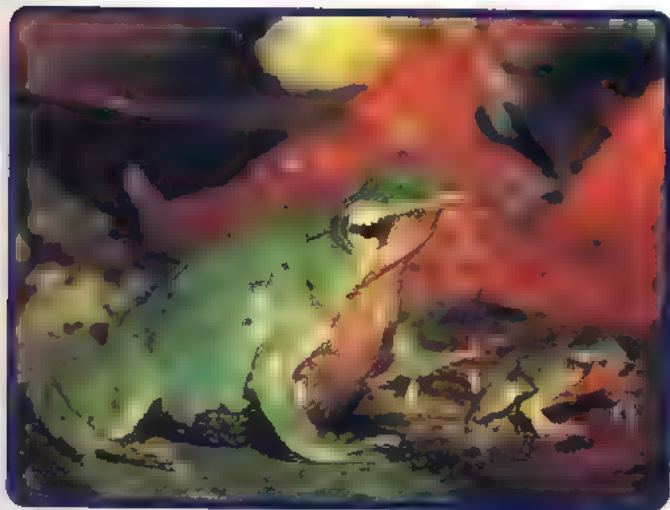
A **SHE-BEAR** carries her young by taking the entire cub's head in her mouth. The rest of the body dangles down. The grip is light and doesn't hurt.

Please Pass the Larvae

One female **THRUSH** was documented as having brought 10,080 larvae and insects to her young in a month.

Overprotective Parents

A female **BREEDING FROG** lays about 25 eggs. The male stands guard for a couple of weeks. When the eggs are about to hatch, he picks them up with his tongue and allows them to slide down his throat. They settle on his vocal sac and develop into froglets. When they do, he lets them out.



Good Examples for the Children

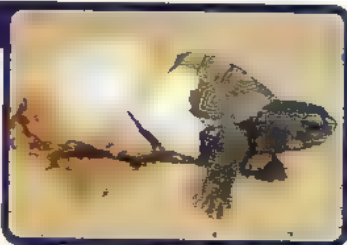
TITI MONKEYS rarely squabble. Male and female sit side by side and entwine their tails before going to sleep.

Most Tired Mom

The only ant in an **ARMY ANT** colony that lays eggs is the queen. She lays more than 100,000 over the course of a few weeks.

Home Alone

Some **TURTLES** bury their eggs. Weeks later, the eggs hatch by themselves. By then, the parents are long gone.



Getting the Kids to Chill Out



THE AFRICAN SHOEBILL (a kind of stork) has been known to carry water in its mouth back to its chick, then pour the water over the youngster's head to cool it off.



I can't afford to pay my African Shoebill.

Where's My Dinner?

Male **BULL-GILLED SUNFISH** mimic female behavior to gain access to the nest so that they can eat the eggs.



Wildlife Wannabees

We asked some people who work with wildlife to tell us which animal family they would most like to join and which they would prefer to avoid.

FIRST-CLASS CLANS

Martha Hiatt, senior animal trainer, Aquarium for Wildlife Conservation, Brooklyn, NY

"I'd be a Beluga whale. The moms and their calves are very close. They're together almost constantly for the first year. The calves love to play. They make their own toys by blowing bubbles under water and then chasing them to the surface."

Sally H. Love, biologist and former director of the O. Orkin Insect Zoo, Washington, D.C.

"I'd be a giant female waterbug, because after mating, the female lays her eggs on the male's back and leaves them there. She's free to go and swim anywhere. He stays put until the eggs hatch. It's a fair division of labor."

Ray Mendez, bug wrangler (trains bugs for movies and commercials)

"I'd like to be part of a dwarf mongoose family. They're very social and cooperative and bask in the sun a lot. They're also furry and cute."

BAD NEWS BROODS

Rachél Rogers, senior keeper, San Diego Zoo

"I wouldn't like to be part of a reptile family because they seem not to have any emotions. They don't act like they're happy to see each other. They're pretty blah."

Ray Mendez, bug wrangler

"I wouldn't want to be a hyena. They're scavengers and have a rough life. They bicker all the time and are always going at each other."

Sally H. Love, biologist

"Inside the praying mantis's egg case are hundreds of praying mantis nymphs. Maybe 10 percent make it to adulthood. Sometimes they eat each other. You could end up as food for your siblings!"

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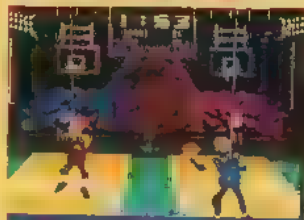


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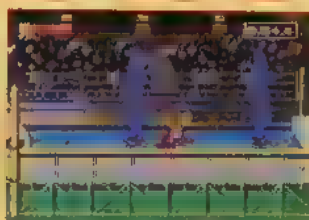
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ORDER ^R in the Family

by Becky Burcham

Where do celebrities fit
into their families?
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youngest of nine kids

Jim Carrey



youngest of four kids

Hillary
Rodham Clinton



oldest of three kids

Charles Barkley



only child

Albert Einstein



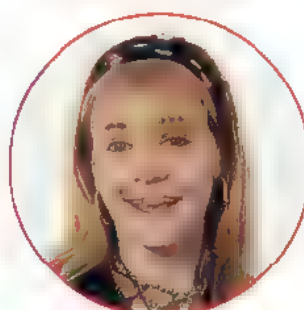
older of two kids

Cindy Crawford



middle of three kids

Melissa Joan Hart



oldest of five kids

Whoopi Goldberg



older of two kids

Martin Luther
King, Jr.



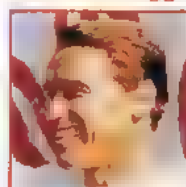
older of two kids

Babe Ruth



oldest of eight kids

Arnold
Schwarzenegger



younger of two kids

Princess Diana



third of four kids

Macaulay Culkin



third of seven kids



His barkley's worse
than his bite.

MIXED-UP Family

Unscramble each word or phrase on the left to discover a word on the right that relates to families. Then draw a line to connect them.

Example: liver tea - relative

Answers on page 93.



by Becky Burcham

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drag man

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mothers

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grandma

fathers

grandfathers

family

parent

sister

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that some parts of
your life are so weird
that they're right
out of a movie?
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on each side).**

**Thank you for
using our posters.
Sit back and relax...
enjoy the show!**



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*Just when you thought it was safe to be excused...
comes another serving!*

A family tradition that no one
could stop!

See...

...people EAT things bigger than their HEADS!

...GRANDPA fall asleep in his STUFFING!

...the COLD carrot loaf that no one would TOUCH!

"Thrills, chills, spills!
So good you'll come
back for seconds!"

—Roger E. Burp,
"Sneak Pre-Spews"

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AND EYES IN THE BACK OF THEIR HEADS.
THEY CAN SEE THE NOTES YOU'RE WRITING!**

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MICHAEL NEEDLE

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REMINDED THEM ABOUT HOMEWORK

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**GET THE
GAME!**



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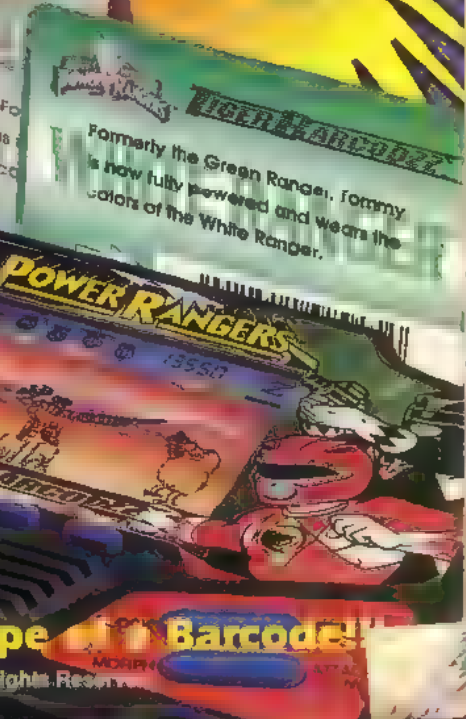


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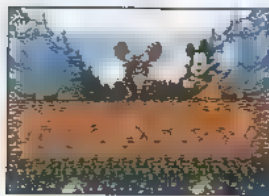
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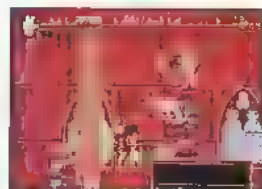
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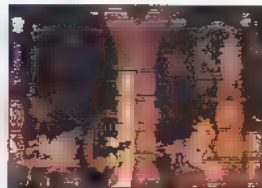
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FACE to FACE

R Take a good look at the boy on the left. He grew up to be one of the famous men on the right. Can you guess which one he is? *Answer on page 93*



Brad Pitt?



John
Mellencamp?



Steven Tyler?



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More cards on page 71



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Playing With Your Food

What foods can you find in this scene?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 93.





Families That Mind Their Own Businesses

You might like to spend more time with your family. But imagine spending *all* your time with them! ROBIN SAYERS spoke to four families who not only take their work home with them, but take their home to work with them.



sky for many other major events, like presidential inaugurations and the Olympics. More than 80 members of the family are currently working for the company. We asked **Donna Grucci Butler** if working together ever gives any of the Gruccis a short fuse.

Nick Mag: Are there ever any fireworks when you're working together, so to speak?

Donna Grucci Butler: Yes, absolutely! There are differences of opinion and differences of personality.

NM: Who started the family business?

DGB: My great great grandfather did, back in 1850 in Bari, Italy. We're in our fifth generation.



THE GRUCCIS: A FAMILY BUSINESS

NM: At what age do the Gruccis start working in the family business?

DGB: Eighteen. The younger kids attend the fireworks programs, but they're not involved in manufacturing.

NM: What kind of training do you need?

DGB: At least a high school diploma, and a chemistry background. Then you apprentice for three years.

NM: What's the best part of working with your relatives?

DGB: Family pride.

NM: What's the worst part?

DGB: If there's a disagreement during the day and you go home, it's carried with you. You can't leave it behind.

NM: When do you have to retire?

DGB: My mom is 76 years old and we haven't gotten her to retire yet!



NM: Do you ever wish you were in another business?

TW: I can't really conceive of anything else. It's more than an occupation. The circus is a way of life.

NM: Has any Wallenda ever not gone into wire-walking?

TW: Some have decided they were better suited to other things in the circus. One of my sisters works with lions and tigers and elephants. I had a cousin who rode a motorcycle in a steel globe.

NM: What's the best part of working with relatives?

TW: You don't have to take a vacation to spend time with your family. We're together all the time. We live in close quarters in the travel trailer, which is about 35 feet long—that's six people in a 35-foot trailer.

NM: What's the worst part?

TW: You would like a little more elbow room. ➡➡➡

The Wallendas are the most famous high-wire act in the world. They've been making people look up and gasp for almost 200 years. Today, there are three different Wallenda groups in the circus: the Flying Wallendas, the Great Wallendas, and the Delilah Wallenda Family. We spoke with Tino Wallenda, of the Flying Wallendas, about how they manage to balance their home lives and work lives.

Nick Mag: When did the family business start?

Tino Wallenda: It started around 1800. I'm a sixth-generation performer.

NM: Do you get to see members from the other Wallenda groups?

TW: My sister [Delilah Wallenda] lives next door, and my cousin [of the Great Wallendas], lives half a block away. We see each other almost daily.

NM: At what age do you start working for the family?

TW: Well, just as soon as you possibly can.

NM: What kind of training do you need?

TW: We start our kids off by getting them into the ring. All of mine were in front of an audience by the time they were four months old. As they grow, you do little things with them, like balancing them on your head. Then when they get a little older, you start playing with them—acrobatics, hand balancing, splits. Somewhere down the line, playtime turns into rehearsal time.



TINO WALLENDA | balancing act





The Ying Quartet:
One plucky family.

The Ying Quartet doesn't fiddle around when it comes to making beautiful music together. Tim Ying, the first violinist and second oldest of the four siblings, talked to us between performances.

Nick Mag: Who is the best player?

Tim Ying: I can't answer that without starting a fight. It's four very strong people working together. That's the way we like to think of it.

NM: At what age did you start playing instruments?

TY: We all started when we were fairly young. I started playing the violin when I was seven years old.

NM: What are the best and worst parts about working with your siblings?

TY: One of the best parts is that we travel together a lot. It wouldn't be as much fun to travel by myself. The worst part is when you rehearse, oftentimes there's no such thing as right and wrong. If we want to be mean and pick on each other, we know exactly how to do it.

NM: If you ever get mad at your sister or one of your brothers, do you "accidentally" poke them with your bow?

TY: The bows that we play with are antiques, so we have to be fairly careful with them.

NM: Do you ever wish you were in another business?

TY: No. We have too much fun doing the music.

NM: Can you get fired? Would you be fired from the family too?

TY: I don't think we would ever kick someone out, and certainly you wouldn't be kicked out of the family.

NM: What's the funniest thing that's happened to you?

TY: One time we were playing in Taiwan. We got to the concert hall, and my brother Phil realized that he had forgotten his bow tie. So I said, "Okay, I'll give you my bow tie." But then I didn't have anything to wear. So I made a bow tie out of my black sock and wore that for the concert. Fortunately, it was a clean sock, because otherwise I would have been able to smell it. Maybe the audience thought it was some new American fashion.



The Gages: They're
s-s-smokin'!

The Gages are firefighters from Schenectady, New York. Nine of them have donned the red suspenders, including two who have retired. They are proof that the family that puts out fires together, retires together. Don Gage answered our burning questions.

Nick Mag: Who was the first firefighter in the family?

Don Gage: My uncle's father-in-law, back around 1955.

NM: What's the best part of working with your relatives?

DG: It's comforting. But after a while in the firehouse, everybody starts to seem like family.

NM: And the worst part?

DG: Sometimes you get miffed at another family member and then you have to go to work with them.

NM: What would you do if you weren't firefighters?

DG: We'd probably do something outside, because we love the outdoors so much. We'd be something like park rangers.

NM: Do you think the expression "three alarm chili" should be illegal?

DG: Yeah, especially when my brother's the cook on his shift! He's terrible.



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THEORIES of RELATIVITY

Scientists and mathematicians develop laws and theories to help explain how things work. We wanted to figure out how families work, so we observed them in their natural habitat and developed these laws of family behavior.

IN SCIENCE:

For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction

IN FAMILIES:

For every annoying action, there is an equal and opposite annoying reaction. (In other words, if you hit your brother, he will hit you back.)



IN MATH:

The shortest distance between two points is a straight line.

IN FAMILIES:

The shortest distance between two points is a straight whine. (In other words, if you want to do something and you make a big enough fuss about it, your parents will probably let you do it.)



IN SCIENCE:

$E = mc^2$ (Energy = mass times the speed of light squared)

IN FAMILIES:

$-E = mc^2$ (Lack of energy = mass entertainment times the speed of channel zapping squared) (In other words, the more time you spend laying on the couch watching TV, the sleeper you get.)

IN SCIENCE:

An object at rest will remain at rest until it is acted upon by an outside force.

IN FAMILIES:

A kid at rest will remain at rest until it is acted upon by a parental force. (In other words, every single morning, your mother will have trouble getting you out of bed.)



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by David Lewman

December 19

Merry Monday

Traditionally celebrated by watching as much TV as possible.



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Tinsel Tuesday

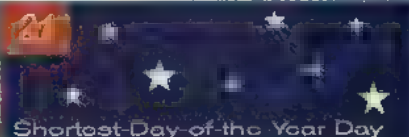
Trim your bed, your shoes, and your mail carrier with tinsel!



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Shortest Day of the Year Day

Observe by short-sheeting some beds, buying the Short Line Railroad in Monopoly, eating shortcake while wearing shorts, and watching a Martin Short movie.



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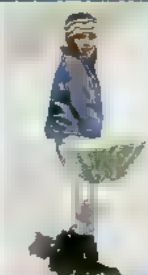
National "Pity Kids Who Live Where It Never Snows" Day

Dedicate a hard-packed slush ball to all our friends in warm climates.

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National "Pity Kids Who Have to Shovel Sidewalks" Day

Dedicate a sand castle to all our friends in the chillier states.



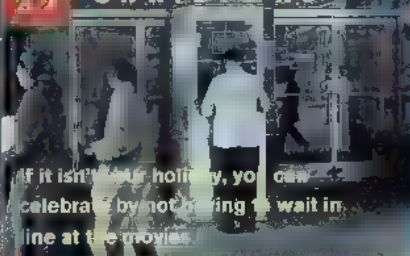
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Cardboard Tube Day

Now that the presents are wrapped use the cardboard tubes as bugles, telescopes, javelins, and jumbo drinking straws.

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CHRISTMAS



If it isn't your holiday, you can celebrate by not having to wait in line at the movies.

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BATTERIES DAY

The day when, according to tradition, all your batteries run out.

27

Lost Pieces Day

Organize a search party for all



28

Bored with Leftovers Day

Use stuffing to create a statue of your favorite ex-president.



29

Frosty Appreciation Day



Take a snowman to lunch.

30

Dessert Remembrance Day

A day to think back on all the desserts you've eaten this year, and if possible, to eat them all again.



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Turnout Your Babysitter Day and Night Day



January 1

New Year's Day

Best celebrated by staging a play. (See page 37.)

January 2





A WORLD PREMIERE
ORIGINAL PLAY!

The Land of No New Years

BY DAVID LEWMAN

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*There never seems to be all that much to do
on January 1st, so we've written a New Year's play for you
to produce, direct, and star in. Here's what to do:*

1. GET ORGANIZED

- Photocopy the script (you'll need four copies).
- Gather props: a flashlight, a plate of brownies (or a picture of brownies), and a spiral notebook that will be your calendar. On three separate pages, write "December 723,999th," "December 724,000th," and "January 1st, 1995."
- Find simple costumes, if you'd like. Anything goes.

2. CAST THE PLAYERS

The Star
The Bossident
The Royal Poet
The Royal Musician

3. ARRANGE THE SET

You'll need a room with a light that you can turn on and off.
Also, find a big chair that will be the throne.

4. GET AN AUDIENCE

*(Note: Anything in the script that's in parentheses
is a "stage direction" and shouldn't be read out loud.)*

TURN THE PAGE, TAKE THE STAGE, AND LET THE PLAY BEGIN!





The Land of No New Years

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(A door opens slowly. The star peeks out, sees the audience, and ducks behind the door. Then the star enters confidently.)

STAR: Hello, Happy New Year, and welcome to The Fidgety Players' production of "The Land of No New Years." Our time is short, so let's get started! About a year ago, during my top-secret trip around the world, I stumbled upon the Land of No New Years and was immediately taken to its leader.

(The Bossident enters with the Royal Poet and the Royal Musician.)

BOSSIDENT: Welcome, stranger! This is the Royal Poet *(Poet bows)* and the Royal Musician *(Musician bows)*. I am the Bossident.

STAR: Nice to meet you. *(Turning to the audience.)* They made me feel very welcome, and they brought me a plate of warm brownies.

BOSSIDENT: Brownies? You're kidding!



STAR: Where are your manners? Don't you know that mysterious strangers are always welcomed with warm brownies?

BOSSIDENT: *(Exits, and re-enters with a plate of brownies. Presents them to the Star.)*

STAR: *(touching a brownie)* I said warm brownies.

BOSSIDENT: Don't push your luck.

STAR: All right, fine. Now tell me, Accident...

ROYAL POET: That's Bossident.

STAR: Whatever. *(Eating a brownie.)* Why is this called the Land of No New Years?

BOSSIDENT: *(sits on throne)* Long ago, an evil sorcerer put a curse on our land. Until we can break the curse, there will be no new year!

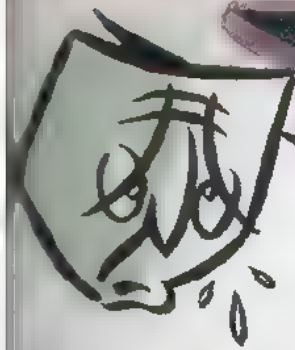
ROYAL MUSICIAN: *(very sad)* Which means no birthdays...

ROYAL POET: *(starting to cry)* No holidays

ROYAL MUSICIAN: *(sobbing)* No annual dental checkups...

STAR: Well, *that* part's not so bad.

BOSSIDENT: Life here is just one long, endless December. Oh, that reminds me. *(Rips a page off the daily calendar. It goes from December 723,999th to December 724,000th.)*



THE STAR: Wow! December the 724,000th! Hey, what year is it?

BOSSIDENT: 12. You see, our calendar is stuck.

STAR: So, to you, what year did Columbus sail?

BOSSIDENT: That was in the year...12.

STAR: When was electricity discovered?

ROYAL POET: 12.

STAR: And when did people first walk on the moon?

ROYAL MUSICIAN: 12.

STAR: Well, this certainly makes history tests a lot easier.

BOSSIDENT: You have arrived on a very special day. Every thousand days, we try to break the curse.

STAR: Why every thousand days? Why not every day?

BOSSIDENT: (as if sharing a secret) It's more dramatic.

STAR: How do you try to break the curse?

BOSSIDENT: With a song. It is written, "When the last line of the song is discovered, the curse shall be broken forever."

STAR: Written? Where?

BOSSIDENT: Right here in the script. See?



(Shows the star the script.) First, the Royal Musician will try.

(Scared, the Royal Musician steps forward. The lights go out, and the Royal Musician shines a flashlight under his or her chin.)

ROYAL MUSICIAN: (sings or recites)

A year that lasts so long
can be boring and too scary.
And so I sing this song
(pause)...just like Curly, Moe,
and Larry!

(The flashlight goes out, and the Royal Musician screams while the other actors make scary sounds. When the lights come on, the Royal Musician has disappeared.)

STAR: Where did the Royal Musician go?

BOSSIDENT: Oh, yes, I forgot to mention that when you fail to guess the last line correctly, you disappear forever. Next!



(Very scared, the Royal Poet steps forward and shines a flashlight under his or her chin.)

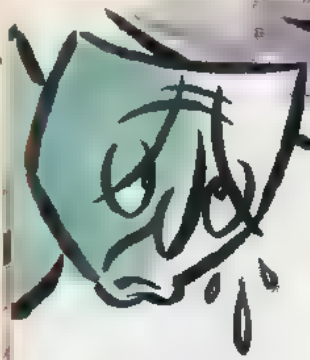
ROYAL POET: (sings or recites)

A year that lasts so long
can be boring and too scary.
And so I sing this song
(pause)...in my purple
underwear-y!

(Again, the lights go out, and the actors make scary sounds. The Royal Poet screams and disappears.)

BOSSIDENT: How sad. Both of them failed. Oh, well. Next!





(The Star looks around, realizes he or she is the only one left, and points to himself or herself.)

STAR: Who, me? Who do I look like, Garth Brooks?

BOSSIDENT: No, you don't, thank goodness. But you're our only hope!

STAR: What about you?

BOSSIDENT: Me? I'm the Bossident. I'm not allowed to disappear.

STAR: Well, what's in it for me? What do I get if I succeed?

BOSSIDENT: Um...I could pop the brownies in the microwave.

STAR: You'll have to do better than that.

BOSSIDENT: I'll put your picture on the new calendar?

STAR: Okay, and you have to change the name of this country to *(Star's name)*-sylvania.

BOSSIDENT: Okay, okay, anything you say. Just sing. Time's almost up. You have to sing the last line before midnight!

STAR: Or what? I'll turn into a pumpkin?

BOSSIDENT: Remember, it has to rhyme!

STAR: All right...here goes.
(Lights out, flashlight on face, singing same tune.)

A year that lasts so long
can be boring and too scary.
And so I sing this song
(pause)...on the first of January!

(The lights come on, and the Royal Musician and Poet are back. They both congratulate the star enthusiastically.)

BOSSIDENT: Look! *(Rips a page off the daily calendar, and the calendar says "January 1, 1995.")*

EVERYONE: Hooray! *(They all step forward to sing or recite together.)*
A play that lasts too long
can be boring—oh yes, very.
And so we end our show
on the first of January!

STAR: Happy New Year, everybody!

(The whole cast bows.)

THE END



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New Year's Contest

It's almost time for a new year, and that means we're ready for another New Year's Resolution Contest. We want you to help a famous person come up with some resolutions. It can be anyone well-known, real or made up, from the past or from today.

Here's what to do:

1. Choose a famous person.
2. Write three resolutions for him or her.
3. Mail the resolutions to:

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Here are some examples:

Ben Franklin

1. Tell Thomas Jefferson to stop calling me Benjy-boy.
2. Figure out how to get my picture on the \$1,000 bill.
3. Check the weather report before flying a kite.



Lisa Marie Presley-Jackson

1. Practice moonwalking.
2. Make nice with LaToya and her snake.
3. Buy Michael a new chimp.



Michael Jordan

1. Quit baseball and go into professional tiddlywinks.
2. Maybe *not* do a commercial for a week.
3. Resist the urge to slam-dunk third base.



Amelia Earhart

1. Try not to be so flighty.
2. Sign up for frequent-flyer mileage.
3. Don't be afraid to stop and ask for directions.



Please include your name, age, address, and phone number with your entry. (Remember, we cannot return your submission.) We must receive it by January 23, 1995. We'll print some of our favorite resolutions in a future issue. The three winners will each receive a Nickelodeon Home Video and great Nick stuff.

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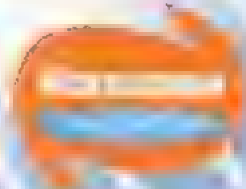
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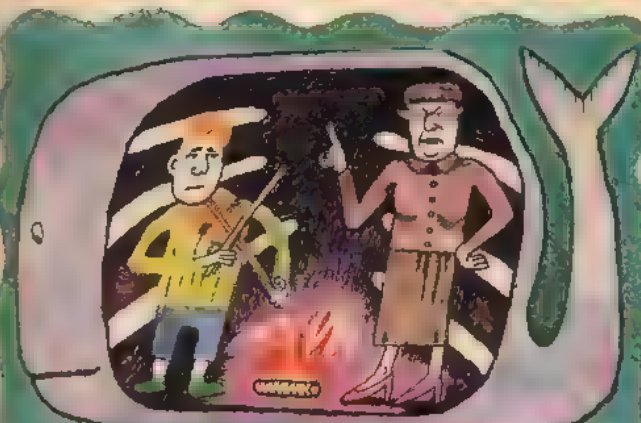
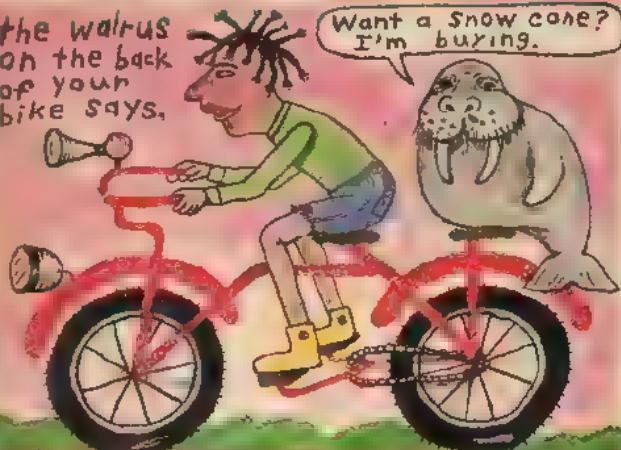
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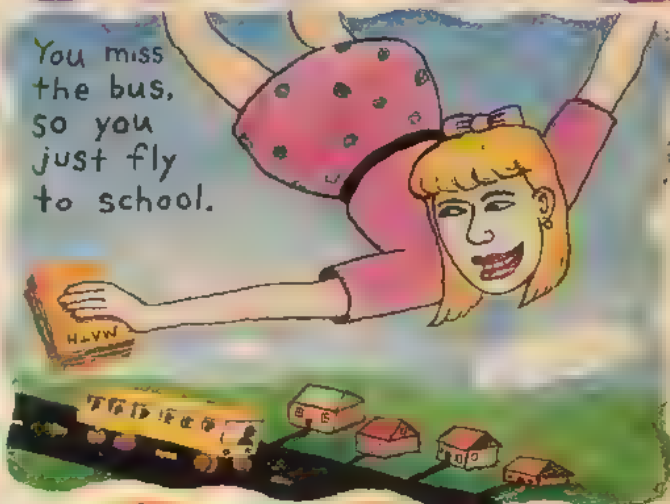
the walrus on the back of your bike says,

Want a snow cone?
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You end up in the belly of a whale with your violin teacher.

You miss the bus, so you just fly to school.



Your hair is so long, the neighbors have to come in.



Your Mom says,

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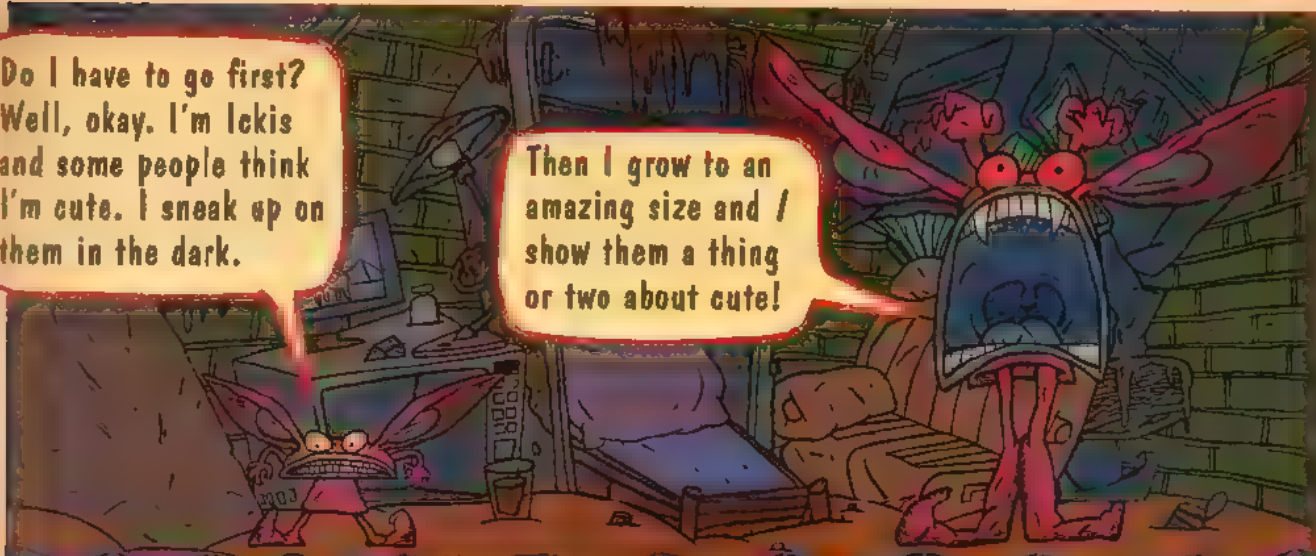
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Welcome
to the **Monster Academy**,
you little scab scratchers! You didn't get in on
your vile looks alone. You are the smartest of your
kind. So tell me how you plan to scare those
horrid humans. You first, lekis!

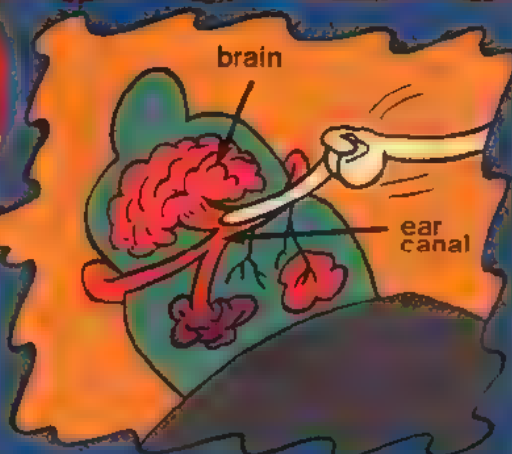


Do I have to go first?
Well, okay. I'm Ickis
and some people think
I'm cute. I sneak up on
them in the dark.

Then I grow to an
amazing size and /
show them a thing
or two about cute!



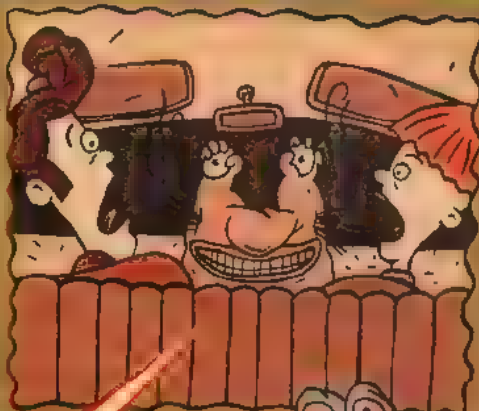
My name's Oblina.
I give people horrifying
nightmares by tickling
their brains.



I'm Krumm.
I like to scare
teenagers
when they
least expect
it. I use my
secret weapon.



You see...I stink!



Well, I see you monsters *do* know something, but you still
have much to learn. By the time you graduate, you will be
experts at reducing humans to saggy-kneed lumps of goo!

Class Dismissed!





Hey! That's me!...

Sparkie McGee!

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kid in comics!!!



with
PUDGY!

Even though I am sometimes SO HUNGRY that I could eat a bug... I DO NOT! This is because there are

SOME THINGS YOU JUST DON'T EAT!

① Jumping beans are NOT for chili! They jump around because there are dancing worms inside! Yes indeed! Look it up!



② I never eat seeds.

Oh no, a tree grew in me!



③ Noodles could be WORMS!



Ha-ha!
I'm just
joking!
Ha-ha-ha!



④ Squash! Say it slowly...

sss SQUAAAHSSHHH.

THAT IS SO
GROSS.

⑤ Fingernails are for scratching, NOT for eating! I knew a girl who DIED from swallowing a nail! Actually, that is a lie.



⑥ Garden food sometimes has UGLY CREATURES in it! Watch out! What if you CHEWED ONE?!



⑦ Old mayonnaise will make your knees turn yellow. No... I'm kidding!



⑧ Liver is not called 'Liver' by coincidence.

That's my Liver!



This is actually something's LIVER!!!

see ya
Later!



Lots more stuff is also bad to eat! You should just eat lunch and have a good time!

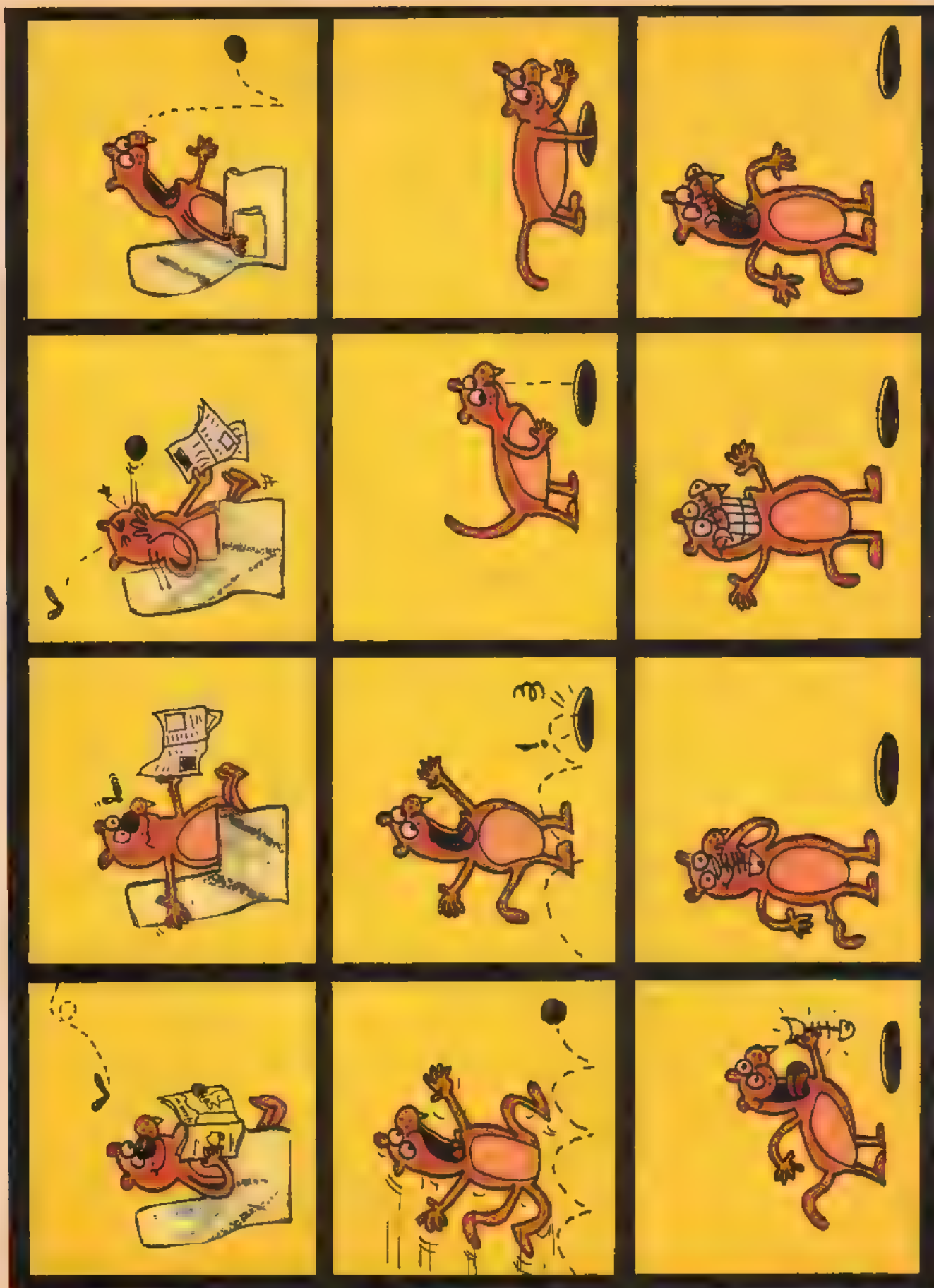
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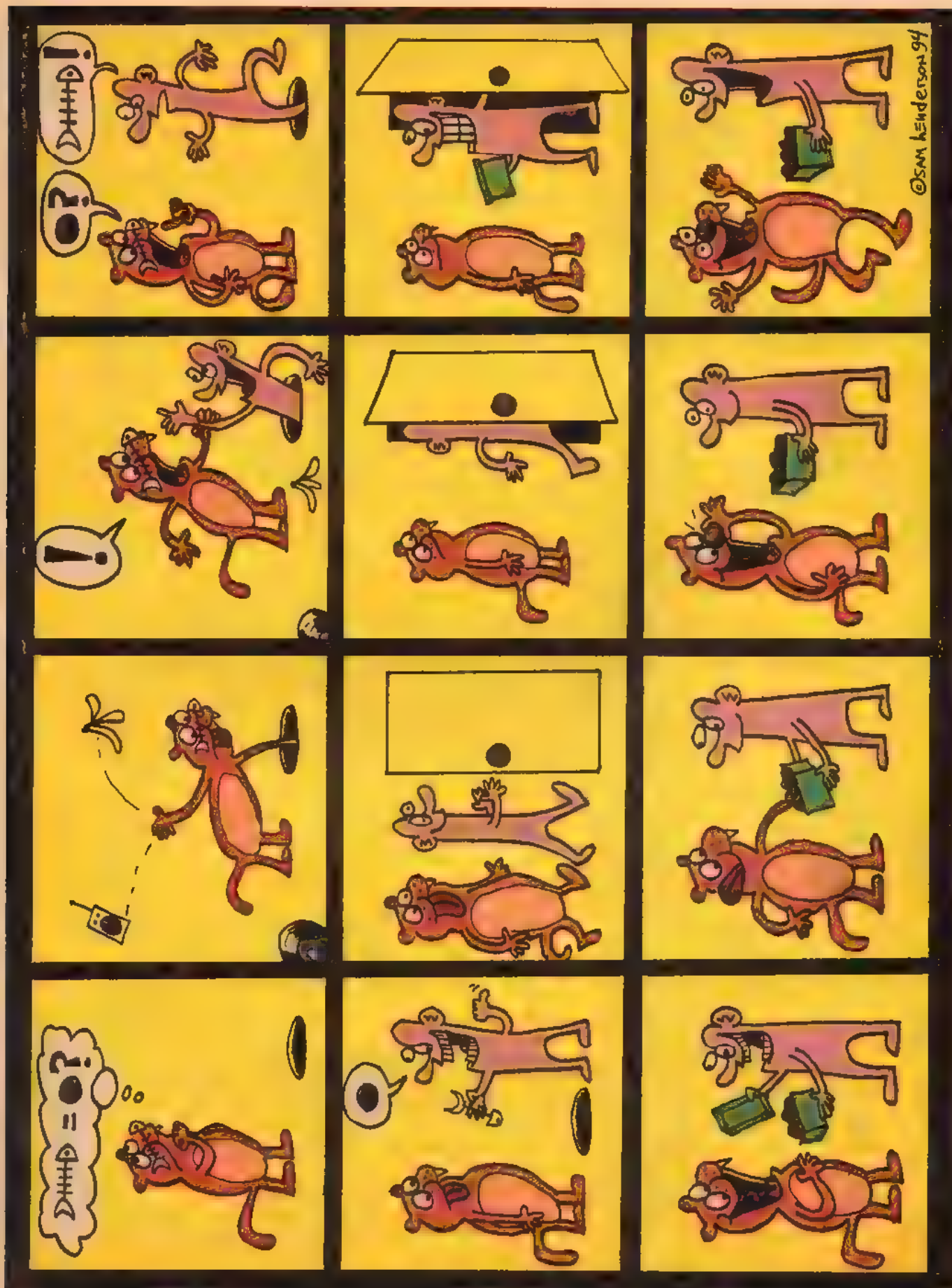
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	ONIONS	PEAS	CORN	BEANS	SPINACH
MIKE	HATES THEM	LIKES THEM	LIKES IT	HATES THEM	LIKES IT
TIM	LIKES THEM	HATES THEM	LOVES IT	HATES THEM	HATES IT
KATIE	LIKES THEM	HATES THEM	GAGS	GAGS	TOLERATES IT
LISA	Allergic	HATES THEM	Allergy.	Allergy.	HATES IT
WILLIE	THROWS THEM	TOLERATES THEM	THROWS IT	THROWS	THROWS



"I can't believe you cleaned up your entire room in five minutes."







Archie Andrews first appeared in *Pep Comics* December 1941. He got his own comic, *Archie Comics*, in 1942. This cover is from the first issue. Since then, there have been TV and radio shows, a newspaper strip, and two gold records based on Archie and his teenage pals from Riverdale.

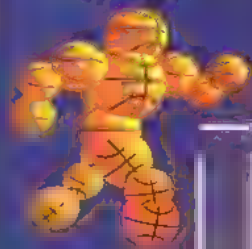


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BALL BOY



MICHAEL JORDAN



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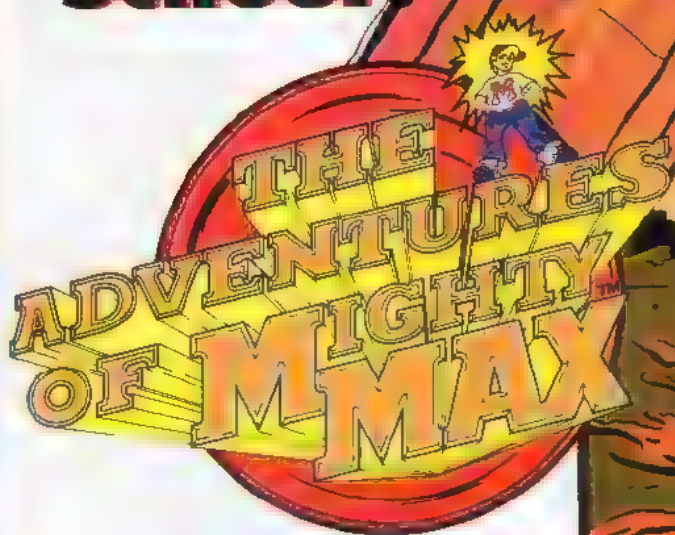
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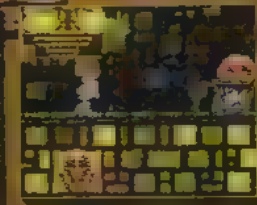
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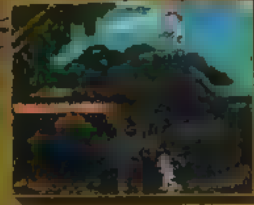
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Holiday BINGO



I used to know a dog, and
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HOW TO PLAY: Carefully cut each card along the dotted lines. When you're in the car, keep your eyes peeled for the items shown on your card. Every time you see one of the items, call it out. Then check it off with a pencil. (Check off only the items that *you* see first.) The winner is the first person to get four in a row and yell "Bingo!" Erase your checks, and you can play again.



magazine IN THE CAR Player 1

 Plastic snowman	 Old Halloween pumpkin	 Decorated apartment balcony	 Big bow on deer
 Billboard with Santa	 Wise men on lawn	 Fake snow on windows	 Indoor Christmas tree
 Menorah	 Candles in window	 Plastic reindeer	 Santa Claus on roof
 Lights in shape of a tree	 Wise men on lawn	 Christmas trees for sale	 Wreath

magazine IN THE CAR Player 2

 Candles in window	 Big bow on deer	 Indoor Christmas tree	 Fake snow on windows
 Plastic reindeer	 Decorated apartment balcony	 Old Halloween pumpkin	 Billboard with Santa
 Menorah	 Plastic snowman	 Christmas trees for sale	 Lights in shape of a tree
 Wise men on lawn	 Santa Claus on roof	 Wreath	 Candles in window

Holiday BINGO



Player 1

"Where's the food court?"	"I thought you knew where we parked the car."	"My feet are killing me."	"Do you have this in a size 10?"
"I'm hungry."	"Where's a mirror?"	"He can always return it."	"My diet starts after the holidays."
"She'll love it."	"There seems to be a problem with your credit card."	"Oops!"	"You carry the bags for a while."
"Is gift wrapping free?"	"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas..."	"Remember, Santa knows who's naughty or nice."	"Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock..."

HOW TO PLAY: Carefully cut the cards along the dotted lines and bring them to the mall. Whenever you hear one of the phrases or sentences listed on your card, call it out and check it off with a pencil. (Check off only the items that *you* hear first.) This time, the winner is the first person to check four *anywhere* on his or her card and yell "Bingo!" Erase your checks, and you can play again.

Player 2

"Do you have this in a size 10?"	"Oops!"	"Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock..."	"Is gift wrapping free?"
"Where's a mirror?"	"There seems to be a problem with your credit card."	"Where's the food court?"	"Remember, Santa knows who's naughty or nice."
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Our FAMILY TRADITIONS

On New Year's Day, our family gathers to _____
(verb) (plural noun)

Our grandparents brought this tradition over from _____
(place with a long name)

In that country, it is called "The _____ ing of the _____."
(verb) (noun)

At dawn, we awake and brush the _____ from our
(powdery substance)

_____. Then _____ hides _____ s around the
(body part) (a parent) (number) (type of insect)

house. All the kids search for them with a _____. Then we roll
(thing you find in a garage)

_____ s on the family _____ and eat _____ baked in the shape of a
(round object) (noun) (type of fish)

_____. All the children wear a _____ fashioned from
(amusement park ride) (item of clothing)

a _____. The older children get to _____, and the younger children help
(car part) (verb)

by _____ ing on the _____. Even the dog joins in by _____ ing.
(verb) (noun) (verb)

Later, we dance around the _____, and Grandma tells stories
(tall object)

of how she once worked as a _____, in a time before
(type of fruit)

_____ s were invented. If we are _____, Grandpa gives us
(office supply) (adjective)

each a _____.
(bathroom fixture)

As evening falls, we sing _____ backwards and _____.
(name of song) (verb)

Then we are so tired that we go to sleep until _____.
(name of month other than January)



Episode



ruffing it

Home for the Holidays

featuring *Zelda Van Sutters*, NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's *living* office manager

1



Sigh. I wish I knew where my family was.

Spending the holiday with your family?

Sure am! All 30 of them!

2

That afternoon, Zelda meets with *Zeke and Zuzu*, her parents.



Good news, Zeida. I found your parents. Their names are Zeke and Zuzu, and they live at Wholly Terrier Farms in Oklahoma.

Thanks for tailing them, Shep! Say, are you going home for Thanksgiving?

Nah, I'm the gray sheep of my family.

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On the road to Oklahoma, Zelda meets her parents.

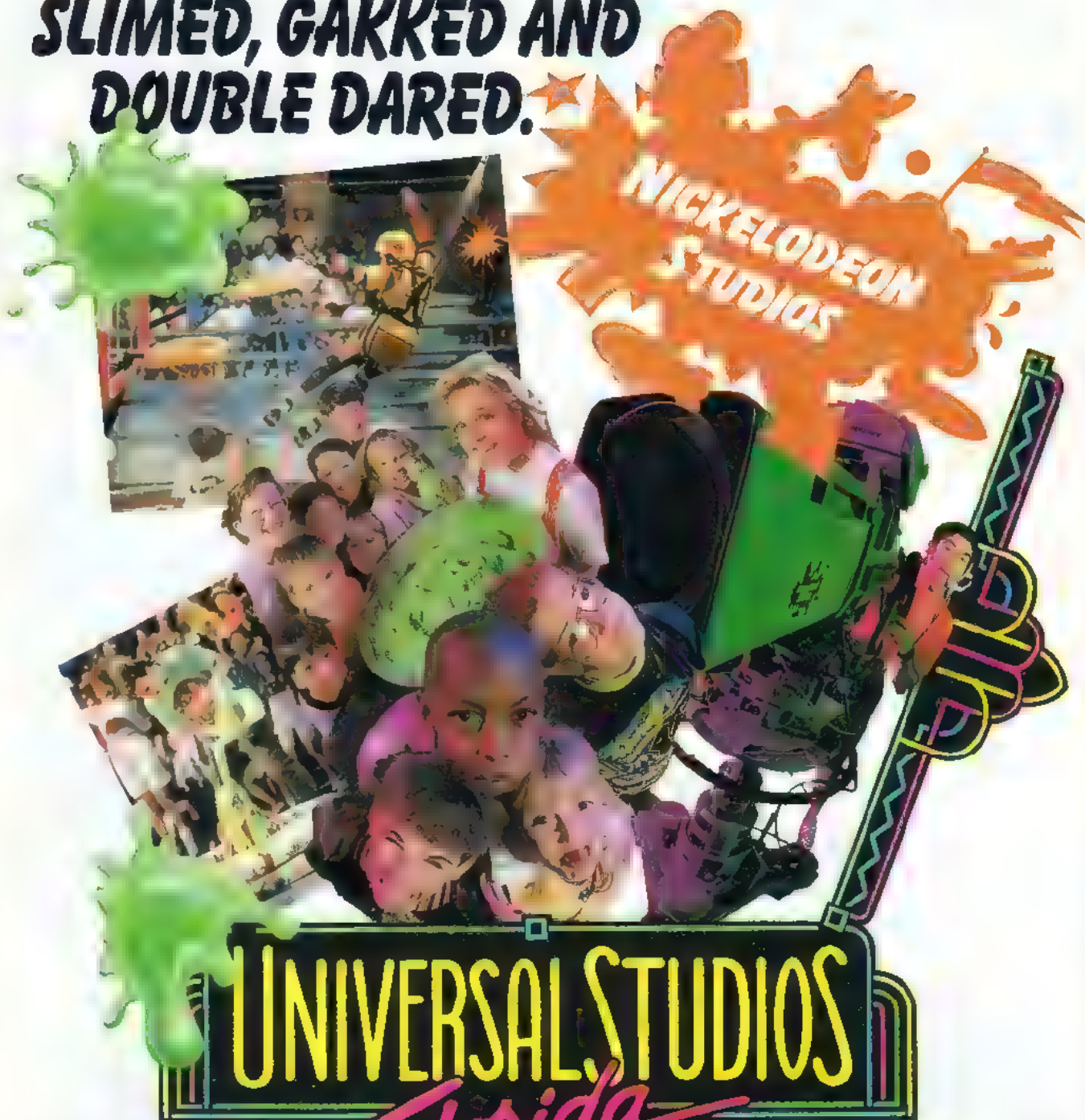


The name's Mandrake Webb. I'm headed south for the winter.

Waddle in. I'll take you.



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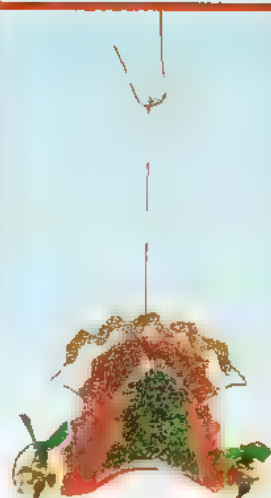
You've been very close to your retainer.

How can you just throw it away when its work is finished? With a little effort, you can give your old retainer a happy new life. Here are some ideas.



Body armor for an alien

A holiday ornament



A chopstick holder



A swing for a tiny plastic baby

This is a story in the great oral tradition.

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"No Ooze is Bad Ooze"

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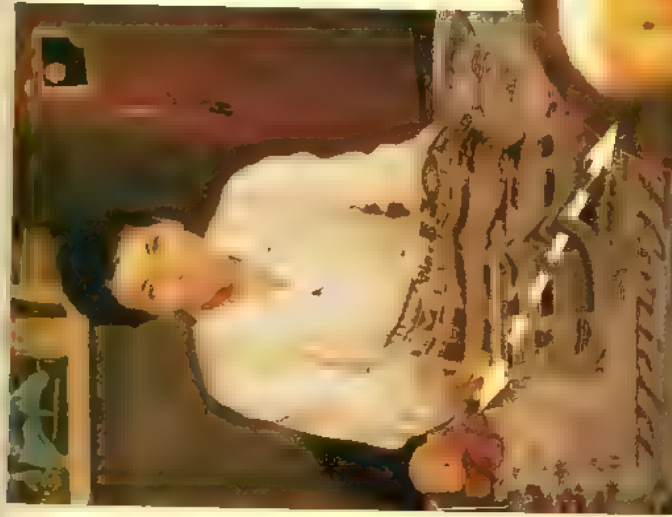
All about Nickelodeon

What a Lucky Duck!

An interview with **Linda Ellerbee**

In 1992, Linda Ellerbee's company, Lucky Duck Productions, created *Nick News*, a news show for kids. Since then, Linda Ellerbee has interviewed many interesting people, including Magic Johnson, the space-shuttle astronauts, and lots of kids. Nick Mag spoke to her about everything from gum to grown-ups.





Fowl play: Linda never goes anywhere without her duck.

Nick Mag: How is *Nick News* different from the nightly news?

Linda Ellerbee: We're not like a nightly news show. We have no obligation to tell you everything that goes on. We like to get behind a story, and that gives us a great deal of choice of what stories we're going to do. We also like to have a little fun. We have a part of the show called "Who's in charge here?" which is nothing but making fun of grown-ups. The point of these segments is to say to kids, "You know, grown-ups can be just as silly as kids. And sometimes people don't get smarter, they just get older."

NM: What are the differences between reporting news for kids and reporting news for adults?

LE: The grown-up news presumes you know what went before. When you're writing news for kids, you can't do that. So, when we do a story, we first tell you what happened before the event we're reporting. It actually makes it more interesting. In some ways, I think it makes *Nick News* better than the news shows for grown-ups.

What's wonderful is that we're now starting to get story ideas from kids. We just started work on a story that came from a kid's letter. It said, "Why don't you do a story called 'When is teasing too much?'"

NM: Why did you become a reporter?

LE: I became a reporter because I'm a writer, and I'm a writer because I'm a reader. I was an only child. I didn't have any brothers or sisters to play with. I loved reading books. I learned how to tell a story from reading and listening to stories, and knew that when I grew up that's what I wanted to do.



NM: What's the most embarrassing thing that ever happened to you on TV?

LE: I've done really silly things on television and almost always it was during a live show. The camera would come back to me after a commercial break, and I would forget I had gum in my mouth. It's embarrassing to sit there in front of millions of people and say "excuse me" and take the gum out of your mouth. And where do you stick it?

NM: So is the underside of the anchor's desk at NBC news covered with gum?

LE: There probably is gum underneath the desk at NBC—still!

NM: What great things has your job allowed you to do?

LE: One of the coolest things that I've ever done in my years as a journalist was talk live to the shuttle astronauts while they were in space. That was such a thrill! There have been other cool things, like interviewing Fidel Castro in Cuba. Also, watching women find their strength, fight for their rights, and *get them* has probably been the most exciting ongoing story that I've covered.

NM: What were your favorite subjects in school?

LE: Reading and history.

NM: Were you involved in any after-school activities?

LE: I was the cartoonist for the school newspaper, and wrote cartoons about school life. I was shy and tended to do behind-the-scenes things. I was on the archery team in high school, though.

NM: Do you have any pets?

LE: I do. I have a dog (a golden retriever) named Bo. He comes to the office every day. The staff has to be careful, though. If we're not, and we turn our backs on our muffins, Bo will definitely eat them.

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NM: What is your least favorite vegetable?

LE: Cauliflower. It's tasteless

NM: If you could only eat pizza or ice cream for the rest of your life, which would it be?

LE: Ice cream. Peppermint ice cream. It's my very favorite flavor, and it's so hard to find.

NM: Do you like it with crushed up pieces of peppermint candy in it?

LE: Exactly. And preferably, I want it to be pink. In fact, I've learned to make ice cream so that I could have peppermint ice cream whenever I want it.

NM: Do you have a special lucky charm?

LE: I've had this little yellow duck for years. I rub his head for luck before I go on the air. Most of the fur on top of his head is rubbed off by now! We named our company, Lucky Duck Productions, after it. The duck is always on the set of *Nick News*. Sometimes he's hard to see but he's always there. ■



Nick News is on Sundays at 8 PM.

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

NONSTOP NICKTOONS:

Thanksgiving weekend (Thursday, November 24 through Sunday, November 27) will feature Nicktoons from noon to 8 PM each day. Macaulay Culkin will guest host the 'toon tribute. On the 26th, viewers can vote for their favorites during SNICK.



CARTOON MONDAYS:

Every Monday, beginning November 28 and running through December 26, there will be a Nickelodeon cartoon extravaganza. A different Nicktoon will be featured each week. *AAAH!*, *Real Monsters* will start it off on November 28 from 6 PM to 8 PM. Every Monday after that the festivities will run from 3 PM to 8 PM.

HAPPY NEW YEAR: Stay up until midnight and ring in the new year with Nickelodeon! Celebrate 1995's arrival with the Second Annual Nickelodeon New Year's Celebration for Kids. Nickelodeon's most popular shows will be featured from 8 PM till midnight.

LAUGH AT NEW SHOWS: *All That*, a new sketch comedy show, debuts in January. The first month of the new year also brings new episodes of *The Tomorrow People* and *Weinerville*.

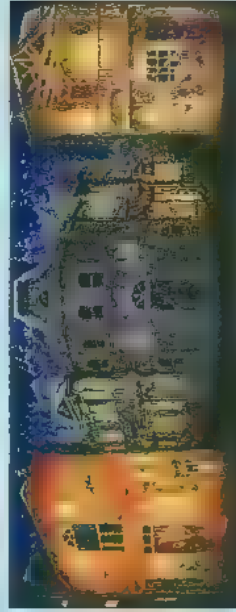
Note: All times are for Eastern and Pacific time zones. Shows air one hour earlier in the Central time zone. Check local listings for details.

Nick Gets into the Act



The baron of hah-nubbug: Ebenezer Scrooge

This holiday season, Nickelodeon will present a musical version of the classic Christmas tale *A Christmas Carol* at the Paramount theater in New York City. The production will feature flying ghosts, amazing sets, and a cast of 90. The music is written by Alan Menken, the same person who wrote the music for *Aladdin* and *Beauty and the Beast*. Can't make it this year? Don't worry. *A Christmas Carol* is bound to become a holiday tradition.



A Dickens of a show: The design for one of the sets in *A Christmas Carol*.

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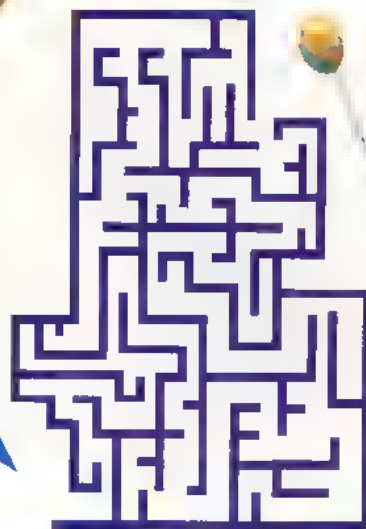
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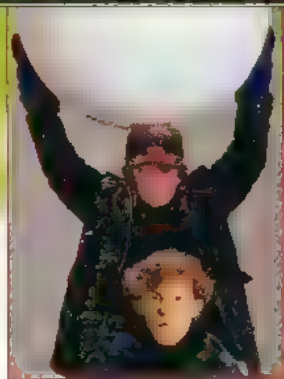
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3 HET 3 OGTSSSE

- 1 10 words. **YOU CAN DO BETTER**
- 2 15 words. **GETTIN' THERE**
- 3 20 words. **SMART KID**
- 4 30 words. **A REAL GENIUS**



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Pete and

A guide to *The Adventures of Pete and Pete*, Nickelodeon's comedy series about two redheaded brothers with the same name.



A is for Artie, the Strongest Man in the World

Artie is Little Pete's personal superhero and loyal sidekick. He can throw a rock to Uranus, hurl a butter pat across town, and stand up to a crazed schnauzer.

B is for Beverly, Mr.

Mr. Beverly paints white lines on the football field of Wellsville High. He is obsessed with making the lines mathematically perfect. He also was the keeper and a close personal friend of Edna, the fighting squid.

C is for Cheese

Some of Little Pete's best insults are based on cheese: "Cheese plug!" and "Eat Cheese!" being the nastiest. Little Pete is also well-known for his non-cheese insults, such as, "Bite the wind," "Take a sponge bath, hammerhead," and "Suck chowder, jerkweed."

D is for Dad

D is also for Don, which is Dad's first name. Dad loves tradition; he likes T bone steaks, riding lawnmowers, and the annual family vacation to the Hoover Dam.

E is for Edna

Edna, the fighting squid, was the Wellsville Junior High School mascot. Big Pete accidentally killed her with a discus, then buried her in her team uniform. Pete and Pete visit her grave on the 50 yard line every year.

F is for Frank Gulcher

The town crossing guard who hardly ever leaves his post, Frank calls everyone he likes "Chief." He swears by the Sacred Code of the Crosswalk, and has devoted his life to pedestrian safety.



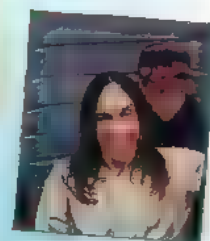
G is for Guest Stars

If you watch carefully, you can spot many celebrities as they pass through Wellsville. They include:

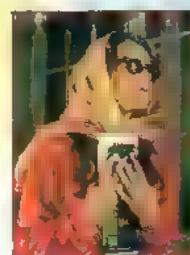
- Michael Stipe (lead singer of R.E.M.), as Mr. Scummy, an ice cream man on the boardwalk.
- Iggy Pop (singer), as Mr. Mecklenberg, Nona's dad.
- Juliana Hatfield (singer), a lunchroom lady who warns Big Pete about meatloaf.
- Kate Pierson (of the B-52's), a lovesick, blind millionairess, Miss Van Der Veer.
- Bebe Neuwirth (who played Lilith on *Cheers*), as Mail Carrier McGinty.



Michael Stipe



Iggy Pop



Kate Pierson



Bebe Neuwirth



Pete **A** to **Z**

H is for Hickie, Ellen

Ellen is Big Pete's best girl friend, although the question remains whether she will ever really be his "girlfriend." (See the letter "Y" for more information.) Wears lucky red boots.



I is for International Adult Conspiracy (I.A.C.)

The I.A.C. is an organization dedicated to making kids go to bed on time, eat brussels sprouts, and do their homework. Little Pete has devoted his life to exposing and destroying this threat to kids. The Wellsville chapter of the I.A.C. is run by an aluminum-siding salesman, John McFlemp.



J is for Joyce Wrigley

Joyce is the Petes' mom. A water-skiing accident left her with a metal plate in her skull. The plate doesn't hurt her, but it does pick up radio waves, including emergency bulletins from the police and fire departments.

K is for Krebstar

Krebstar is a huge company that makes nearly every product in Wellsville. Look for the name Kreb hidden throughout the show. You'll see it on cereal boxes (Krebloggs), clocks (Krebex), underpants (Kreb of the Loom), and all-night groceries (Krebstore 24).



L is for Love

Love pops up all over Wellsville. Hub Callister, the telephone I ne-man, has been in love with Mom for more than 25 years. Big Pete once fell in love with the Mystery Girl at a rest stop. She made his heart spin like a broken compass. Of course, love in Wellsville isn't always so ordinary, Dad considers his bowling ball the second love of his life, after Mom.



M is for Music

Besides being another name for the North Star, Polaris is the name of the trio that rocks the world of Pete and Pete. Three friends, Muggy, Harris, and Jersey, formed Polaris so that *The Adventures of Pete and Pete* would have its own band. In addition to singing the theme song, "Hey Sandy," Polaris performs almost all the show's music. Only Muggy, the lead singer, knows all the words to "Hey, Sandy."



Pete and Pete **A** to **Z**

N is for Nona Francis Mecklenberg and Nimbus

Nona is the new girl in town. Until Nona became Little Pete's best friend, she was "the loneliest girl in Wellsville." Her dog, Nimbus, was so homesick that he refused to go to the bathroom after he moved to Wellsville. Only pictures of the rug from their old home finally got him to go.

O is for Open Face

This sandwich-eating mutant is Big Pete's arch enemy. He always eats open-face sandwiches, even in church. A cheddar and flounder sandwich is his most famous. His real name is Eugene.



P is for Petunia

Petunia is the lady in red who is tattooed on Little Pete's forearm. She can do 18 sacred dances, including the Texas Tornado, the Herky Jerky, and the Shimme Shimme Shake. No one knows where Pete got her. When he introduced his new friend Petunia to his mom, she fainted.



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Q is for Quiz

1. What is the first line of "Hey Sandy," the *Pete and Pete* theme song?
 2. Does Little Pete have an innie or an outie belly button?
- (Answers on page 93.)

R is for Redheads

The brothers Pete have the same name because their mom wanted her kids to have names that rhymed. Despite the difference in their ages (Big Pete is 15, Little Pete is 11), the Petes are proud that they're brothers and best friends. They once nearly destroyed each other in a staring contest death match.



S is for Stu Benedict

The Wellsville school bus driver keeps getting dumped by his girlfriend, Sally Knorp. Stu and Sally met in bus driver school. Their song? "One Hundred Bottles of Beer on the Wall."

T is for Tastee, Mr.

No one knows who he is or where he comes from. No one has ever seen him without his swirly ice cream head. Yet, every year, on the first really hot day in June, the Tastee-mobile comes to Wellsville, filled with blue tornado bars.



U is for Underpants

In the episode "Inspector 34," Little Pete discovers that the man who leaves those "Inspected By" tags in new underpants is actually a superhero. When the inspector abuses his powers, Little Pete has to stop him from destroying the neighborhood and possibly the world.

V is for Villains

The two Petes deal with a number of dastardly villains. Some of the most awful are:

- Endless Mike Helstrom, a power tool-loving thug who doesn't like Big Pete. He's called "Endless" because his hatred for Pete is infinite.
- Mr. Slurm, the mysterious shop teacher with the artificial arm that dices, slices, and does who knows what else. He forces Big Pete to work on a mysterious "secret project," which Pete suspects is a bomb.
- Mr. Markle, the bandleader whose quest for glory takes all the fun out of music and drives a wedge between Big Pete and Ellen.

W is for Wrigley and Wellsville

Mom, Dad, Pete, and Pete's last name is Wrigley. They live in the mythical town of Wellsville, which is located in the mythical state of Sideburn. You'll see the name "Sideburn" on all the license plates.

X is for X-ray vision

Little Pete's daring feat of staring into a lunar eclipse results in his acquiring X-ray vision. The advantage: He can watch TV from outside the house. The disadvantage: Ellen has to wear a lead shield when she comes over to visit.

Y is for "You're a girl and a friend, but you're not a girlfriend."

Will Ellen ever be a "girlfriend" to Big Pete? Will Big Pete ever be a "boyfriend" to Ellen? Even though Ellen and Big Pete have kissed twice, and gone on an actual car date once, neither seems willing to plunge into the deep end of the Pool of Love.



I thought 'Z' was for Zelda.



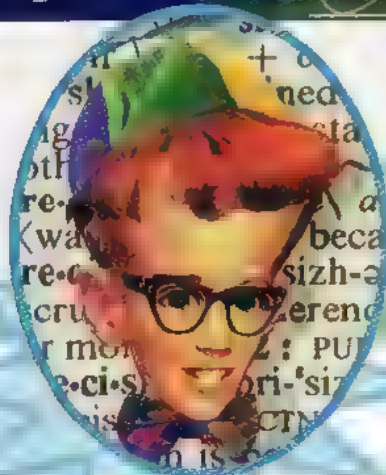
Z is for Zoology

Animals have figured prominently in many wild and woolly Pete plots. Among them are:

- Artie's hamster, whose frantic scurrying results in Artie's exceptional bowling scores. They communicate telepathically: Artie thinks about where he wants the ball to go, and the hamster does the rest.
- Gary the Lizard, Little Pete's pet chameleon. At a sleepover in the backyard, Pete confides in Gary, and admits he's afraid of clowns.
- Clark the Turtle, Artie's friend and traveling companion. Artie accidentally hits Clark in the head with a golf ball, which results in a bad case of turtle amnesia.

The Adventures of Pete and Pete airs on Saturdays at 9 PM, and Sundays at noon.





Webster "Funky" Wagnall's House of Random Words

Which of the following definitions is the right one?

Word: **dunnage** (DUHN-ij)

a. A dungeon designed for just one person.

Example: To prevent Melner from jabbering with other prisoners, the jailer moved him to the *dunnage*.

b. Baggage.

Example: On our last family vacation, there was so much *dunnage* in the car that Dad had to strap us to the roof rack.

c. Completed homework.

Example: Ms. Turnipseed said, "On your way out of the classroom, please deposit your *dunnage* on my desk."

Answer on page 83.

Useful Foreign Phrases

Startle your friends and family
with your fine grasp of Swahili.



Sorry, but I'm allergic to blackboards.

Samahani ubao hunidhuru.

Sa-ma-HA-ni u-BA-o hu-ni-DHU-ru.

My shoes are emitting a strange odor.

Viatu vyangu vinatoa harufu mbaya.

Vi-A-tu VYA-ngu vi-na-TO-a ha-RU-fu M-BA-ya.

Strange odor?
Don't look
at me.

Please feed me nothing but doughnuts.

Tafadhali nilishe mandazi tu.

Ta-fa-DA-li ni-LI-she man-DA-zi TU.




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Reuben Kincaid Greetings





Happy, happy,
joy, joy
to the world, world!!

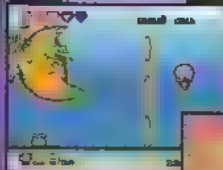


Come on,
get happy
holidays

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Hand hangers unite.
Bonk is back! And he's
more psycho than ever. But
only does Bonk
shag and
lost for
get lost. Getting lost is
rabbit hole not
with Super Bonk
Super Bonk's like
of how it works your
parent's side. It's
time having to make
gameplay of course.



King Drool and his
gang of Droolkins
are back—and they're
packing nose tasers
and lightning bolts



What a trip...Inside a
dinosaur. Through the Milky
Way even down inside a
soda straw.



Mmm, candy. One
piece makes you
large. One piece
makes you small. One
piece makes you,
uh... a Big Kronk!?



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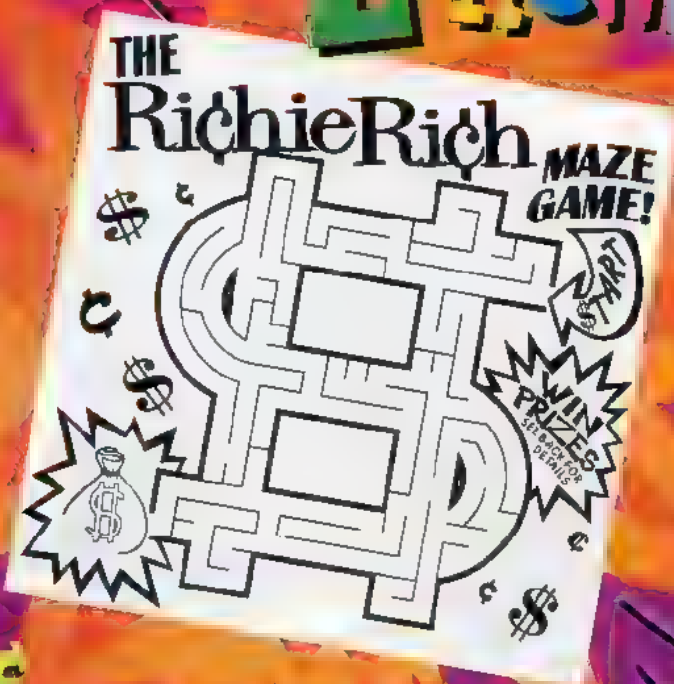
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absurd animals

Subject: The Matamata Turtle

Latin name: *Chelus fimbriatus*

Length: up to 18 inches

Weight: up to 35 pounds

Where it lives: tropical South America

Weird trait: The matamata is a species of snake-necked turtle that resembles a pile of dead brown leaves. It has rows of humps and knobs on its shell, fleshy flaps of skin on its neck, and a tube-like snout.

Favorite food: The matamata eats mostly fish. It lies motionless on the bottom of rivers and streams, blending in with dead leaves and rocks. As fish swim past, the matamata opens its huge mouth. Water rushes in, carrying the fish with it. Then the matamata swallows its prey whole.



What's the
matamata
with you?

What's up with that nose? The matamata can use its nose like a snorkel. It can lie underwater and push its snout out above the surface to breathe in air.

Neat party trick: The matamata can hold its breath for as long as 40 minutes.

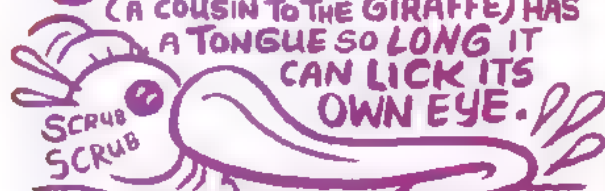
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ONE MILLION BATS LIVE IN CARLSBAD CAVERNS, NEW MEXICO, IN THE SUMMER. THEY PRODUCE 7,812 POUNDS OF GUANO (BAT DROPPINGS) PER NIGHT.



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DOUG GAN



Hi Tech!

Do YOU Play Too Many Video Games?

You or someone you know may have *Videos Insideous*!
Take this test and find out. Mark the box next to each familiar symptom. Then check the results below.
(When you're finished, give the test to a friend and compare scores.)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> You ask for your allowance in quarters. | <input type="checkbox"/> Big falling blocks and hot lava pits haunt your dreams. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You're not sure what season it is.
Or what year it is. | <input type="checkbox"/> When you're sick at home, the change clerk at the arcade calls to see if you're okay. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your fingers twitch all the time. | <input type="checkbox"/> You can play two-player games by yourself. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your best friends' names are Super Marlo, Bonk, and Sonic. (If you have real-life friends named Bonk or Sonic, that's a problem too. But it's <i>their</i> problem, not yours.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Someone is reading this to you, because you're going for a new high score and can't be bothered. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The electric company and the toy store send you birthday cards. | |

I can play four-player games by myself



—Ivan Cohen

How to Read Your Test Results

If you checked:

One to three symptoms: you get a clean bill of health. Congratulations!

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Real Coolio

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE went backstage at MTV's 1994 Video Music Awards in New York City and asked the questions that inquiring minds want answered.

Nick Mag: Do you guys sing in the shower?

Boyz II Men: Definitely. The acoustics are real nice in the shower.



Nick Mag: Hey Coolio, do you have a car yet?

Coolio: I've got a '71 Chevy.

Nick Mag: In high school, were you ever in a Battle of the Bands, and did you win?

Billy Corgan of Smashing Pumpkins:

I was, and I lost miserably. In fact, the same thing that happened to me tonight happened to me in my high school talent show—which was I broke a string on my guitar and suddenly could not remember how to play it.



In my talent show, I was in a back-orchestra quartet.



Nick Mag: Hey, R.E.M. Pizza or ice cream?

Peter Buck: Pizza.

Bill Berry: Pizza.

Mike Mills: Pizza.

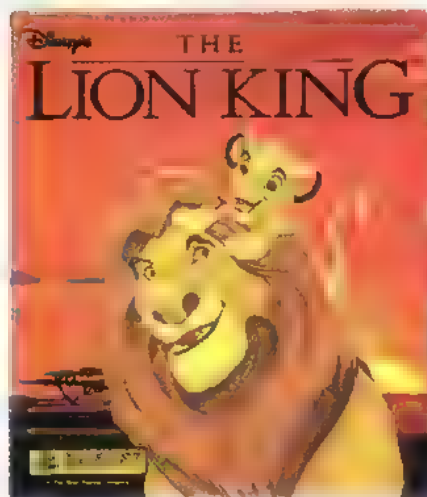
Michael Stipe: Pizza, definitely

—Susan Mitchell and Rosie Amadio



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Say What?

From the August/September 1994 issue.

Here's some heavy metal dialogue you sent in.

ROBOT: What did you do with my mother?

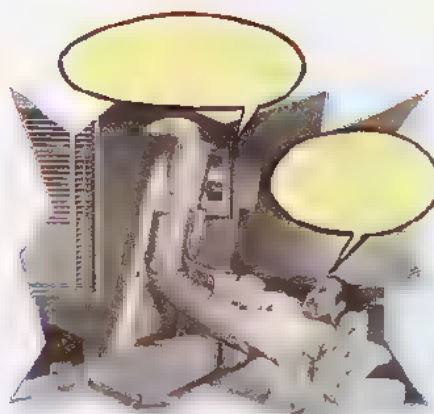
MAN: S-s-sorry. I recycled her!!!

Garrett N., age 13
Kew Gardens, New York

ROBOT: Give me wood! Give me wood!

MAN: Oh man! My furnace is acting up again.

Amy A.
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois



ROBOT: Honey, does my complexion look at all shiny to you?

MAN: You have to stop taking those iron pills!

Caryn C., age 12
South Setauket, New York

ROBOT: Where is my son?

MAN: Oh, I'm so sorry. I thought he was aluminum foil. I used him to barbecue the chicken.

Jennifer C., age 12
Manlius, New York

ROBOT: Excuse me, there's a spider in the toilet that needs your assistance.

MAN: Don't lay a finger on my Jell-O while I'm gone.

Nathan S., age 13
Glendale Heights, Illinois



Letters

Dear Nick Mag,
Your fake food labels [August/September issue] really worked. I put one on a soup can. Inside, I put some leftover slime from your slime cake recipe. When my dad tried it, he said it was "light and fresh but unbelievably satisfying." I burst out laughing. Thanks again!

Nicole M.
Hazlet, New Jersey

Dear Nicole,
Thanks for your letter, which we found light and fresh but unbelievably satisfying.

Dear Nick Mag,
Where do you get the words for the House of Random Words? Do you make them up? What about the Useful Foreign Phrases?

Kristen R.
Clearfield, Pennsylvania

Dear Kristen,
We find our Random Words (page 70) in a really big dictionary in our office. For Useful Foreign Phrases (also page 70), we decide what we want to say in another language, and then we ask a professional translator how to write it and pronounce it. Now, please feed us nothing but doughnuts.



Yeah, but can you say that in Swahili?

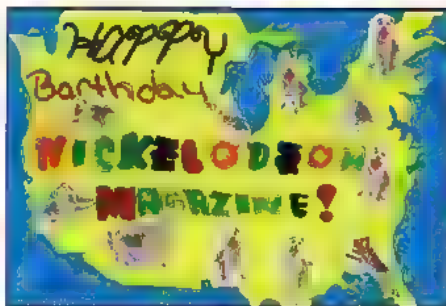


Birthday Sweepstakes Greetings

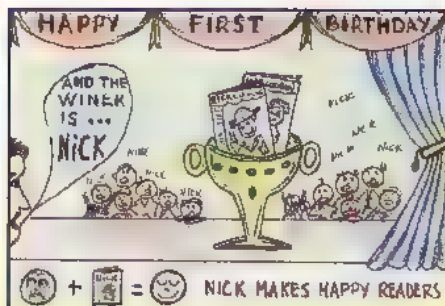
Here are some of the inspired birthday cards from the sweepstakes in our August/September issue.

The sky is blue, slime is green,
Happy birthday to Nick Magazine.
Your issues are so funny,
You must have a great mind,
'Cause these funny pieces are hard to find.
Throughout all the Say Whats?
and all the Ooze Newses,
Happy Birthday to you
You don't put me to snoozes.
You're certainly not shallow,
You're certainly not fake.
So blow out the candles on
Your slime birthday cake.

Sofia S., age 11
Corona del Mar California



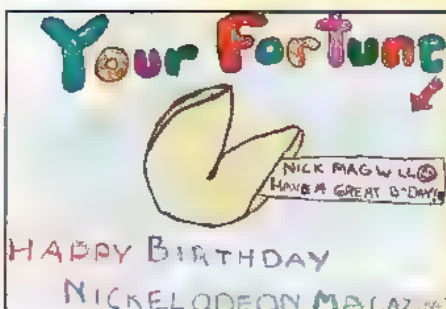
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Weiser, Idaho



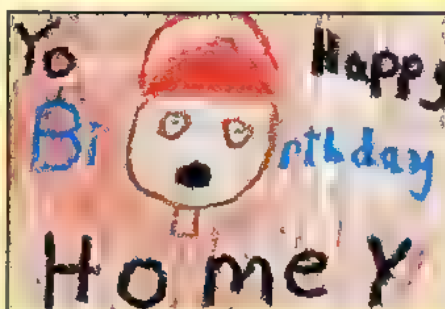
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Bell Canyon, California



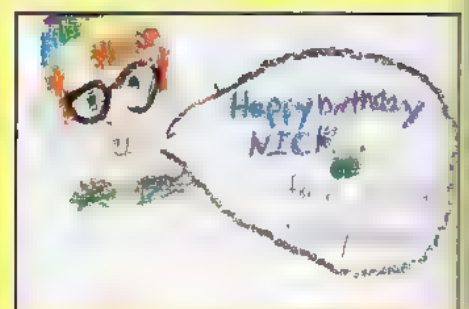
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Oakland, Michigan



Amy J., age 12
Suffern, New York



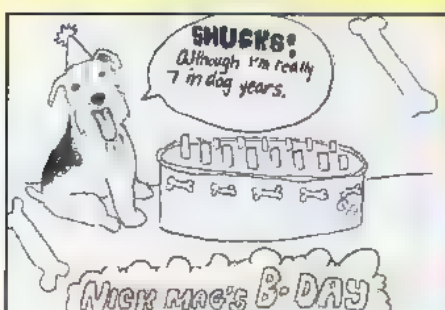
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Marietta, Georgia



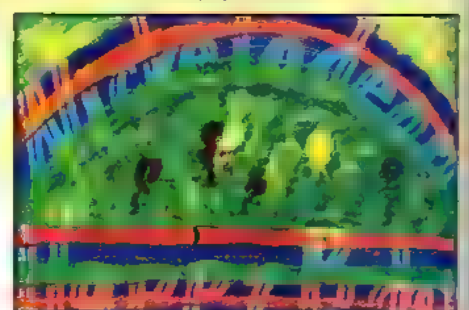
Bernadette R., age 11
Massapequa, New York



Rosemarie A., age 11
New York, New York



Tyler M., age 13
Torrance, California



Bo-Risha R., age 7
Long Beach, California

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 Cake!
 Kids!
 Mervin the Magnificent!
 Amazing!
 Geraldine B. Laybourne!
 Ask!
 Zelda Van Gutters!
 Imagination!
 New generation!
 Eat!

Salome M., age 10
 Claremore, Oklahoma

As we celebrate the year upon us,
 New horizons and adventures are a must.
 You need not cry or even fuss.
 You'll leave the other kids' magazines
 In the dust,
 Because you're the best there is.
 Your kids' magazine is tops in the biz.

Tammy Jo S., age 12
 Mercerville, New Jersey

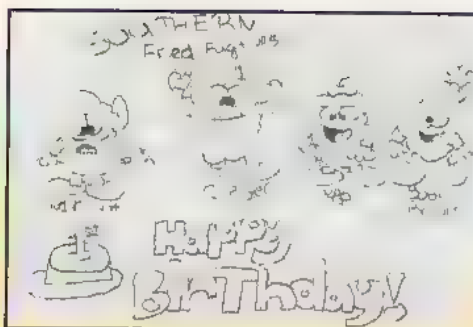
Happy birthday to you
 A poem is all I can do.
 I read your issues time after time.
 I really love it when you use slime.
 Your comics make me laugh.
 I read them when I take a bath.
 You have awesome people on the cover.
 Your magazine is like no other.

Seth R., age 10
 Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey

**Congratulations to the Grand Prize Winner,
 Matt H., age 9, from Chatham, New Jersey!**



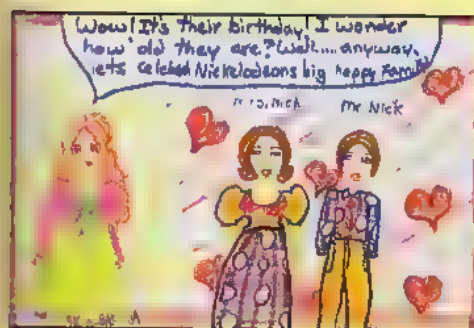
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Rusty B., age 11
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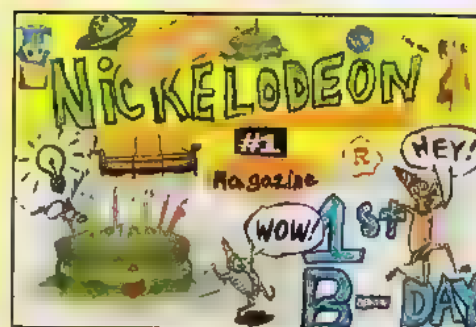
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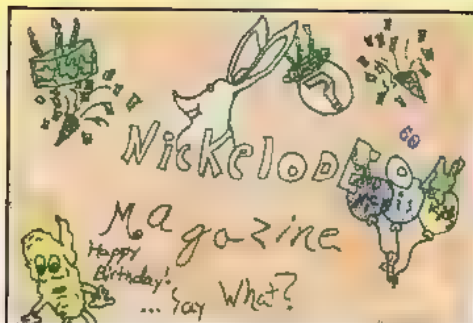
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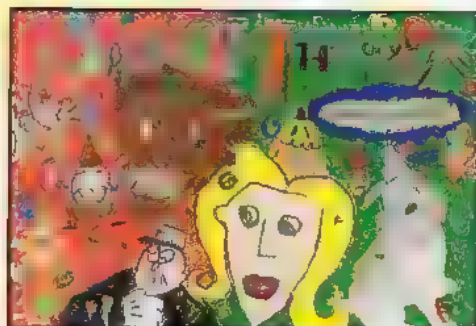
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Robert G., age 7
 Beaufort, South Carolina



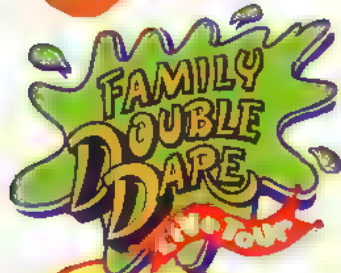
Ryan M., age 11
 Lewistown, Pennsylvania



Jasmine P., age 13
 Hollywood, Florida



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Dear Alien

I'm QZ
and I'm from the planet Zittz.
I know everything under, over, and
inside the sun. So ask me a question,
and I'll give you a real down-to-
Earth answer.



Dear QZ:

What is the highest number you know?
Katie P.
Little Canada, Minnesota

Katie:

There isn't enough room in this magazine to even *begin* to tell you.

Dear QZ:

If you had to eat lima beans every day of your life, would you eventually go crazy?
Micki B.
West Bend, Wisconsin

Micki:

I'd be crazy to eat lima beans *one* day of my life.

Dear QZ:

Who drives the UFOs that we people on Earth always see?
Jenny C.
Craig, Colorado

Jenny:

UFOs? I think you've been eating too many lima beans lately.

Dear QZ:

You say you're a know-it-all. Well, when I read your answers to questions, sometimes they don't make sense. Why?
Sandra C.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Sandra:

It's the universe that makes no sense, not my answers.

Dear QZ:

I was wondering why my brother is such a jerk.
Ashley B.
Mechanicville, New York

Ashley:

You know, I was wondering the same thing too.

Dear QZ:

Do you ever brush your hair? What is your favorite food?
Lauren H.
Newton, Massachusetts

Lauren:

I can never brush my hair because hairbrushes are my favorite food.

Do you have a question for QZ? Write to:

Ask QZ, NICKELODEON MAGAZINE,
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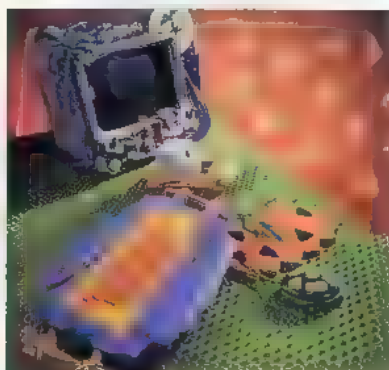
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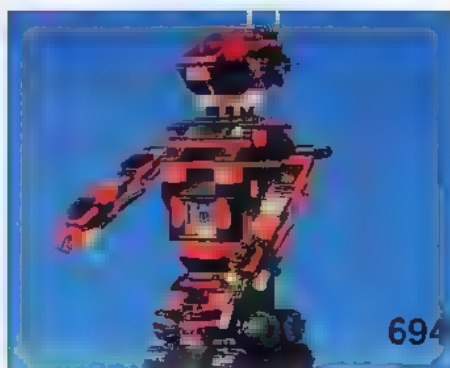
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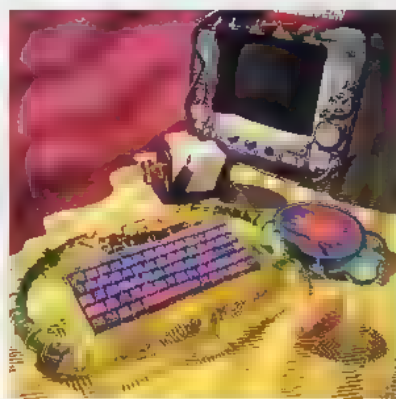
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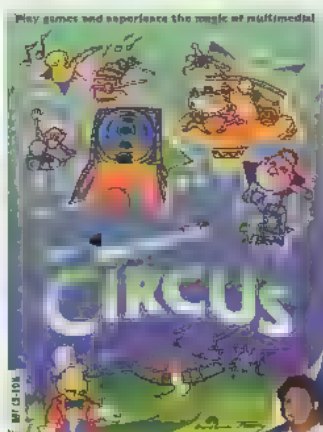
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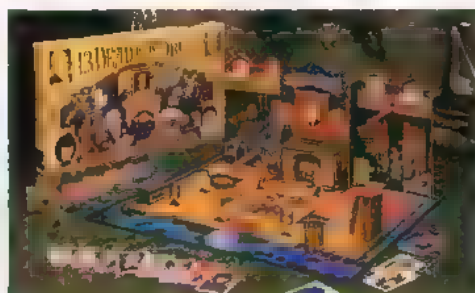
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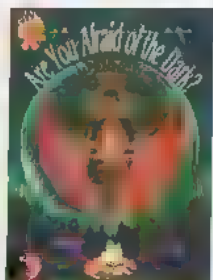
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Whatever We Want (PAGE 8)

1-T, 2-F, 3-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-F, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T.

Relativity Cover (PAGE 9)

Mouse family. 1st floor: One mouse is at the counter. 2nd floor: One is on the escalator, and one is in the wrapping area. 3rd floor: One is near the "Shop" sign, and one is on the roof. **Martian family.** 1st floor: One Martian is peeking out near the snowman, and one is in the doorway behind the counter. 2nd floor: One is leaning against the dressing room door, and one is in the wrapping area. 3rd floor: Two are in the music department. **Pizza-eating family.** 1st floor: One pizza-eater is riding a bike, and one is walking out of the store under the "Nicks" sign. 2nd floor: One is on the escalator. 3rd floor: One is in the window.

Mixed-Up Family (PAGE 16)

Fragrant shed = grandfathers; tuna = aunt; resist = sister; thermos = mothers; rat pen = parent; herb rot = brother; hat refs = fathers; my fail = family; drag man = grandma.

Face to Face (PAGE 24)

The photo is of Steven Tyler, lead singer of Aerosmith (pictured at age 18).

Playing With Your Food (PAGE 27)

The snow is mashed potatoes; the trees are celery and grape stems; the house is bread sticks; the roof and the door are crackers; the people are gingerbread; the little bears are gummy bears; the stairs are cheddar cheese; the chefs' hats are pork chop frills; the eyes, nose, and mouth of the snowman are cake decorations; the bushes are brussels sprouts; the pond is gelatin; the round sleds are chocolate coins; the round house is squash; the chocolate egg is itself.

And what am I,
chopped liver?



Pete and Pete, A to Z (PAGE 68)

1. The first line of the theme song is "Hey, smiley strange, looking happily deranged."
2. Little Pete used to have an outie belly button, but a blast of feedback from an electric guitar turned it into an innie.

Webster "Funky" Wagnall (PAGE 70)

The correct answer is B.



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